(c) what will be the additional budgetary provision so that the project can be implemented within two-three years as scheduled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, an outlay of Rs. 5 crores was provided for this work in the Budget 1997-98. The then Minister of Railways had stated his intention of increasing the outlay to Rs. 10 crores subject to availability of resources but this could not be done due to severe constraint of funds.

(b) The work is already in progress.

(c) The entire formation including bridges and ballast collection will be completed by June, 1999 for which the amount required by the Railway viz Rs. 3 crores has been provided in the budget 1998-99. The work will be completed in 1999-2000 subject to availability of resources.

Railways pulled up for importing expensive risky ABB locos

3515. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in news item which appeared in "The Economic Times" (New Delhi) dated 15th June, 1998 under the caption "Railways Pulled up for importing expensive, risky ABB Locos"; and

(b) if so, the Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item is based on a recent Comptroller & Auditor General's Report. The detailed reply on various issues mentioned in the Report will be sent to C&AG in due course.

Irregularities in Chennai Railway Recruitment Board

3516. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found large number of iregularities in the Chennai Railway Recruitment Board in the year, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against those who were found in the irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) One complaint alleging irregularities in recruitment to the post of Skilled Artisan on Southern Railway conducted by Railway Recruitment Board/Chennai in November, 1997 was received.

(b) The investigation is in progress.

(c) On completion of investigation, appropriate action will be taken.

इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग का विद्युतीकरण

3517. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री ने 12 अगस्त, 1997 को इन्दौर मे घोषणा की थी कि इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग के विद्युतीकरण को वर्ष 1998-99 के बजट में शामिल किया जाएगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग का विद्युतीकरण कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।